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CARRANZISTA CHIEF SEEKS TO BULLDOZE MAJOR HOWZE

Demands That American Cavalry Surrender Property Captured From Villista Bandits and Retreat Towards Border At Once

BOTH ULTIMATUMS PROMPTLY REFUSED

War Department Notices Colonel Sibley and Major Langhorne Their Campaign Is Ended and Orders Them To Return

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, May 23.—With the economic situation in Mexico rapidly nearing a crisis, the political and military situation there has received a push in the wrong direction by brusque demands made by Carranza commanders upon American officers to retreat northward at once and to surrender horses, fodder and supplies captured from the Villista bands by Major Howze.

These demands were refused flatly, according to the reports reaching the war department from General Pershing's headquarters, north of Parí, but a request, couched in more polite language, for permission to pass through the American lines in order to consolidate their own was granted to the Carranzista chiefs.

The despatches from headquarters received in this city last night reporting on the situation in Mexico, say that the American cavalry commands, which have been scouting south of Parí, have been withdrawn to the base camp, and have made their report. Major Howze, in command of these forces, says in his official account of his march that his men encountered General Carranza's, a Carranzista commander. The feeling between the men of the two commands was tense from the start, and was not eased any by the brusque manner in which the Mexican demanded the immediate surrender of the booty captured by the Americans from the marauding Villista bands. This booty consisted of a number of horses, large quantities of corn and other supplies.

Refuses To Withdraw
The demand was instantly refused by Major Howze, and was then followed by the demand that the American horsemen surrender immediately and retreat northward. This Major Howze answered by saying that he was not ready to start north, having received no instructions from his own commanding officer, and that until he did so, he proposed to remain where he was.

This apparently took some of the wind out of the sails of the Mexican general, who then made a request that he be allowed to march past the American position, in order to consolidate his own command. This request was immediately granted by Major Howze.

In describing the character of the Mexican troops, seen as they filed past his own camp, Major Howze says that they are half boys, some apparently not more than fourteen years old, ragged and dirty in the extreme, but well armed.

Economic Crisis Impends
Despatches from the City of Mexico, dealing with the economic and financial status of the revolution from country, are gloomy in the extreme. The outlook is declared to be graver than for years, the continued drain upon the country by a succession of revolutions having exhausted it, and brought it to the verge of financial ruin. The monetary problem is reported to be acute, with millions upon millions of worthless paper float and nothing in the treasury to redeem the government's currency, which is dropping in value to an almost negligible point.

Germans Lose Their Foothold At Douaumont

French Drive Them From Coveted Position, Which They Have Held For Months

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 23.—On the Verdun front, where the fighting, now entering into its fourth month, has been furious during the past few days, both sides lay claim to partial successes. The French apparently have been successful in their efforts to oust the Germans from Fort Douaumont, which was stormed and captured by the men under the command of the Crown Prince at the beginning of the battle, on February 25. After repeated assaults the Gallie troops, heralded by a long artillery preparation burst through the Teutonic defense of the shattered fort, and drove the Germans out of it, according to the Paris despatches, while Berlin claims the Teutons still hold portions of the northern section of the former fortress.

Marked Gains Elsewhere
The French attacked the German lines east of Douaumont village, south of Hill 287 and west of Le Mort Homme. In all these attacks they report marked gains. East of Douaumont village they drove the Germans out of their first-line trenches over a front of one and one quarter miles, and they compelled the Teutonic commanders to order retreats from positions the Germans had held south of Hill 287 and west of Le Mort Homme.

Desperate fighting took place on the eastern slopes of Hill 304, west and slightly south of Le Mort Homme, and part of the same general lines of defense. Here the Berlin despatches declare that the Teuton attacks were more successful, managing to gain some ground, which was held despite repeated efforts on the part of the French to regain it. The same despatches, however, admit that the French have taken the disputed quarry south of Haudremont, for which the armies have been struggling for two days. The French have also captured hill-tops in Aycoeur wood, and a trench near Vaux.

Make Gains Against British
Further to the west the Germans had better luck. In their attacks against the British lines near Givenchy yesterday and the day before they have made some gains. The British have been forced out of trenches extending over a mile and a quarter front, and have lost heavily in men.

AUSTRIANS SWEEP LATINS OFF FEET

Everywhere In Southern Zone of Warfare Teutons Are Driving Italians Back

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, May 23.—At several points on the Italian front the Austrians are continuing their successful drive, hammering the enemy with big guns which have been brought in large numbers to assist in the forcing back of the Latin troops.

Southeast of Trent, on the Laverone plateau and just across the Austrian border from Italy, the fighting has been particularly desperate and successful. Here, Vienna reports, the Italians have been cleared off completely, their positions having been captured, and thousands of prisoners, together with numbers of machine guns and heavy cannon.

Italians Cannot Stem Wave
The Austrians have also captured Fiume Mandriolo height, west of the Italian frontier and opposite the Astico valley. Here, too, the struggle was stubborn, the Italians resisting strongly but being at last compelled to retire, after having lost heavily under the fire of the Austrian guns.

Vienna announces that large reinforcements have been sent from other sections of the front in order to reinforce the troops fighting the Italians, and is prepared to send more if necessary. The Austrian despatches declare that the number of Italian prisoners is increasing rapidly. The Austrians now have taken altogether 24,000, including many officers, and 170 large cannon.

DEBRIS of Fort Douaumont, Key To Defenses of Verdun, From Which Vital Position French Have Driven Germans Who Had Been In Possession of This Sector Since Beginning of Battle



WILSON IS SATISFIED WITH NEW ARMY BILL

Tells Senator Chamberlain Measure, In General, Is Good

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, May 23.—President Wilson today told Senator George E. Chamberlain, chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, that he thinks the army bill is in general, fairly satisfactory.

UNCLE SAM WILL FILE KICK WITH JOHN BULL

Protest Against Mail Seizures Next To Be Sent

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, May 23.—The United States will add to its previous protest regarding the seizure of United States mails to European ports, of European mails to America, by British war vessels.

PORTO RICO SUGAR COMPANY GIVES EMPLOYEES BIG BONUS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, May 23.—A sugar company operating in the Guano and Fortuna districts has announced that it will give its 15,000 employees a bonus of ten per cent of their pay. The company is making large profits.

SANTO DOMINGO WILL BE SUBDUED

Admiral Caperton To Distribute Sailors and Marines To Secure Complete Quiet

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, May 23.—Rear-Admiral William B. Caperton, commanding the naval forces at Santo Domingo, reported to the navy department last night that he is preparing for the distribution of the American sailors and marines, now policing that city, in an effort to secure complete quiet.

NEW RUSSIAN ENVOY WELCOMED IN TOKIO

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)
TOKIO, May 23.—The new Russian ambassador to Japan, P. N. D. Kulpen-ski, reached this city yesterday. He was heartily greeted by many Japanese officials and diplomats, who crowded the central station to welcome him.

REPORT OF SEA BATTLE REACHES GREAT BRITAIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 23.—German and Russian warships are believed to be battling in the Baltic Sea. Heavy cannonading at sea has been heard at points along the Swedish coast, according to despatches from Sweden today, giving rise to the belief that the battle is in progress.

SMUGGLED RUBBER IS FOUND IN DUTCH LINER

German Sympathizers Send Stuff In First Class Mail

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 23.—That the German sympathizers in neutral countries are still taking advantage of the supposed immunity of first-class mail matter to ship large quantities of rubber and other contraband into Germany, was proved yesterday when British inspectors found 1400 parcels of crude rubber in the first-class mail carried by the Dutch steamer Geirna, bound from South American ports to Holland.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN FAVOR OF BRANDEIS

Boston Lawyer Has One Majority For Supreme Court

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, May 23.—The senate judiciary committee, which has been conducting hearings on the nomination of L. D. Brandeis, the Boston attorney, by President Wilson to fill the vacant seat on the bench of the Supreme Court, is almost evenly divided.

HOUSE VOTES SUFFRAGE TO PORTO RICAN WOMEN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, May 23.—By a vote of eighty to thirty-seven, the house in committee of the whole today adopted an amendment granting suffrage to the women of Porto Rico. The amendment was proposed by Congressman Mann of Illinois.

Food Shortage In Great Britain Now Alarming

Farmers Warned That They Must Abandon Prejudices and Employ Woman Labor

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 23.—A food shortage of alarming proportions will confront the United Kingdom unless the farmers abandon their prejudices against the employment of woman labor, and bend all their energies to the increase of crop production.

This statement, made by Francis Dyke Acland, financial secretary of the treasury, in the house of commons yesterday, succeeded in thoroughly alarming the members. Unless some such steps as he proposes, are adopted, said Mr. Acland, it will be necessary to feed the country by diverting ships which are urgently needed for the transporting of munitions of war, and he added, he is "not at all sure that the country will have the ships to divert."

Danger Point Reached
"The danger point in the enormously decreased production in this country has been reached," said the financial secretary, in outlining the conditions of the country to the house. "We no longer can afford to cater to our prejudices, but must bend every effort to meeting these conditions and increasing the crops of foodstuffs, upon which the country must depend, in part at least, for the food it eats."

"If more and still more men are to be swept into the army from the farms, the United Kingdom can escape from famine in one way alone. We will be forced to divert ships, now so urgently needed for the transport of munitions of war to the troops abroad and at home, to the carrying of provisions we should be raising in the kingdom."

Mr. Acland then took up the question of the shortage of ships, caused in part by the German submarine campaign and in part by the necessity for transports for men and munitions of war.

May Not Have Ships
"Vessels for these purposes," he proceeded, "are vital necessities to the success of any campaign, we may attempt to wage on the mainland of Europe, or elsewhere, and they should not be diverted from this use for any purpose. Indeed, I am not at all sure that even if the need for food at home were great we would have ships to divert."

In speaking of the submarine campaign and the loss to British shipping caused by mines, Mr. Acland told the house that since the outbreak of the war 570 fishing vessels, of all sizes and types, have been destroyed, and 500 fishermen have been lost, cutting down the fish supplies of the country.

ARCTIC EXPLORERS RETURN WITH DATA

Crocker Land Proved Myth But American Expedition Secures Valuable Information

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 23.—Prof. Maurice Tanquary of Chicago, member of the American Crocker Land Expedition, has arrived at Copenhagen and reports that the expedition achieved good scientific results. Ice is holding other members of the expedition with the ship in North Star Bay.

The Crocker Land expedition went North in 1913 to locate the supposed Arctic continent which Admiral Peary reported having seen and which he named "Crocker Land." Ice spoiled the party's plans to return last year and the party has had to stay in the Arctic all this winter and may possibly not get out for many months.

Donald MacMillan, leader of the expedition, wrote back last year that his party saw the same vast expanse of valleys and peaks that Peary had reported but that closer observation proved it an Arctic mirage. Their findings have been generally accepted as proving that "Crocker Land" is a myth, due to an optical illusion. North Star Bay, where their ship is frozen in, is 125 miles south of Etah, and after the party had penetrated the story of Crocker Land, it was determined to explore this section of the country for scientific data.

BRITISH FLANK TURKS AND GET POSITION NEAR KUT-EL-AMARA

Gen. Sir George Goring Effects Lodgement On North Bank of Tigris River and Stronghold of Ottomans Is Seriously Menaced

MOVEMENT ACCOMPLISHED UNDER TRYING CONDITIONS

Military Observers Believe Musselmans Cannot Hold Positions Much Longer In Mesopotamia and Must Fall Back For Safety

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 23.—With the French successfully counter-attacking at Verdun and the British reported to have flanked the Turks on the Tigris, and to have reached a point opposite Kut-el-Amara, the public here last night paid little attention to the report from Berlin that the Germans had driven the British back near Givenchy, over a front of a mile and a quarter, and had inflicted heavy losses upon the forces of Gen. Sir Douglas Haig.

Flanking Movement Succeeds
Almost on the heels of the despatches telling of the arrival of a large force of Cossacks in the British camps in Mesopotamia, came the announcement from Gen. Sir Percy Lake, that Gen. Sir George Goring had completed a flanking movement around the swamps that covered the right flank of the Turks under Nur-ed-din Bey, and had succeeded in effecting a lodgement on the north bank of the Tigris, across the river from Kut-el-Amara and not far from the historic liquorice factory.

Many Difficulties Overcome
It is seldom, says the despatch, that troops have had to combat so many difficulties. The country, though for the most part rough and sandy, is broken in places by deep, tangled marshes, impassable for troops and equipment. The weather has been hot, the temperature ranging from ninety to 105 in the shade at midday, and the streams, dry at some seasons of the year, are flooded.

Turks Face Destruction
The Turks are still occupying positions further down the river, along the Sanna-i-yat line, which they have been holding for months. Military experts and observers here believe that it will be impossible for them to remain there long, unless they can crush General Goring at once.

In the event that they are unable to do this, and to fight him means that they would have the forces under General Lake at their back, they will, it is asserted, be compelled to attempt to withdraw their lines from the Es Sinn positions, as well as from those at Aanna-i-Yat, an operation full of danger to their entire army, if not certain to bring about its destruction.

TWO STEAMERS ARE SUNK
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 23.—Lloyds agency announced last night that the Greek steamer Anastasio-Coronos, the French steamer Languedoc, and the Italian bark Erminia, have been sunk at sea.